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SUBJECT: BILLY GRAHAM VISIT TO POLAND

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1. DR. HARASZTI VISITED THE DEPARTMENT MAY 17 TO DISCUSS BILLY GRAHAM'S VISIT. HE SAID THAT HE AND DR. SMYTH WILL AGAIN TRAVEL TO POLAND TO SPEND A WEEK OR SO BEGINNING JULY 24. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO FIRM UP OVERALL ARRANGEMENTS, AND THEY WILL TOUCH BASE WITH THE BAPTIST UNION, THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (A CO-HOST TO GRAHAM), THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, AND OTHERS.

2. THE GRAHAM ORGANIZATION HOPES A MEETING WITH THE PRIMATE CAN BE ARRANGED. BARRING THAT, THEY WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH CARDINAL WOJTYLA AND BISHOP MIZIOLEK. DRS. HARASZTY AND SMYTH WILL CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES ABOUT THIS. THEY WILL PROBABLY ALSO CONTACT THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ANGLE TO THE VISIT. VANCE
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